

personal injury, or death that may occur as a result of their access to the closure area and will indemnify and hold harmless the United States. All such incidents shall immediately be reported to the BLM Field Office.

The purpose of this closure is to protect human life, ensure public safety, and to prevent human contact with a known hazardous situation. A map of the area affected by this closure is on file and may be viewed at the Vernal Field Office of the BLM.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The closure order is effective from September 1, 1998, through December 31, 2000, unless, prior thereto, it is rescinded or modified by the authorized officer.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: This closure is under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1. Persons violating this closure shall be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7, including a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 and/or imprisonment not to exceed one year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The BLM Vernal Field office, 170 South 500 East, Vernal, Utah 84078, (435) 781-4400.

Dated: September 17, 1998.

David E. Howell,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-040-96-003; AA-76879, AA-77643, AA-77776, AA-76936, AA-76935, AA-77839]

Notice of Realty Action; Sale of Public Lands in Southwest and Southcentral Alaska and Notice of Approved Plan Amendment to the Southwest and Southcentral Management Framework Plans (MFP) in Southwest and Southcentral Alaska

SUMMARY: The BLM has amended the Southwest and Southcentral MFPs to allow for the sale of public lands needed for church-group related development and to resolve several land occupancy problems. The following described public lands have been examined through the land use planning process and have been found suitable for disposal pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1713. Parcel Two of the following described lands is also classified as suitable for lease and sale under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 969.

Parcel One (AA-76879): Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 20 N., R. 8 E., Sections 23 and 26.
Containing approximately 80 acres.

Parcel Two (AA-77643): Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 15 N., R. 1 W., Lot 53, Section 19.
Containing approximately 1.42 acres.

Parcel Three (AA-77776): Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 17 N., R. 2 E., Section 26, Lot 22.
Containing approximately 0.94 acre.

Parcel Four (AA-76396): Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 27 S., R. 22 E., Section 32.
Containing approximately 45 acres.

Parcel Five (AA-76935): Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 27 S., R. 22 E., Section 32.
Containing approximately 1 acre.

Parcel Six (AA-77839): Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 2 N., R. 12 W., Sections 21 and 22.
Containing approximately .72 acre.

The above lands contain approximately 129 acres.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert P. Rinehart, Anchorage Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 6881 Abbott Loop Rd., Anchorage, Alaska, 99507-2599, (907) 267-1272.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this sale is to allow three church groups to pursue needed development and to resolve three inadvertent land occupancy situations. Conveyance of the above public lands will be subject to:

A right-of-way thereon for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States: Act of August 30, 1890, 26 Stat 391; 43 U.S.C. 945.

Conveyance of Parcel One also would be subject to execution of a "hold harmless agreement" for any liability arising from Victory Ministries activities on the site, before or after the sale.

For a period of 45 days from the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments on the sale to the Field Manager, Anchorage Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 6881 Abbott Loop Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99507-2599. Any adverse comments will be evaluated by the State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any objections, this proposed realty action will become final.

Nick Douglas,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management [CA-180-1430-00; CACA 37328]

Notice of Plan Amendment and Notice of Decision for Land Exchange

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management, Folsom Field Office, is amending the 1988 Sierra Planning Area Management Framework Plan Amendment (MFPA) to allow for a boundary adjustment of the Ione Tertiary Oxisol Soils Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), located in Amador County, CA. The boundary adjustment is necessary to allow for exchange of public land currently within the ACEC in order to acquire adjacent private land of higher resource value to be added to the ACEC. The plan amendment and exchange are made pursuant to Sections 202 and 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1712 and 1716). The lands are described as follows:

Public land to be disposed of and excluded from the ACEC

T. 5 N., R. 10 E.,
Sec. 17, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,
N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and
W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 6.875 acres in Amador County.

Private land to be acquired and added to the ACEC

T. 5 N., R. 10 E.
Sec. 17, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 7.5 acres in Amador County. In addition, an easement will also be acquired in order to secure access to the remaining public lands.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This ACEC was established to protect unique soil profiles. Intensely weathered soils were formed during the Eocene epoch when the area had a tropical climate. This soil has been exposed due to natural erosion of overlying strata revealing a soil with properties of oxisols, a soil order of the tropics. Adjustment of the ACEC boundary allows for the inclusion of 7.5 acres of land to be acquired that is currently adjacent to the existing boundary. This land to be acquired contains exceptional examples of Oxisol soils. In exchange, BLM will also adjust the ACEC boundary to exclude the above described public land which will allow for disposal of this parcel because it possesses inferior soil examples than